THE SWORD INTERVAL

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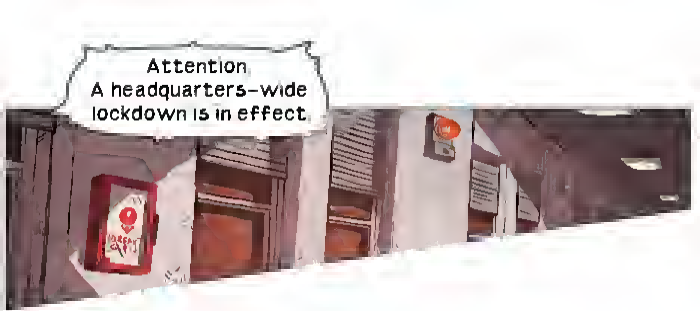
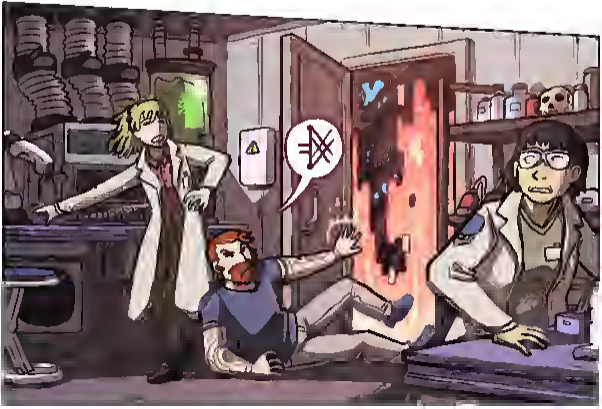

Attention
A headquarters-wide
lockdown is in effect.

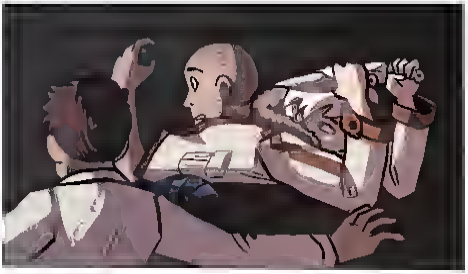
All noncombat personnel, please avoid the halls for your own safety.
Combat personnel be advised, targets are Atlas agents

Magical coercion suspected. Engage with nonlethal force.

Gah!



It's the Stygian Medusa! And she sent friends!



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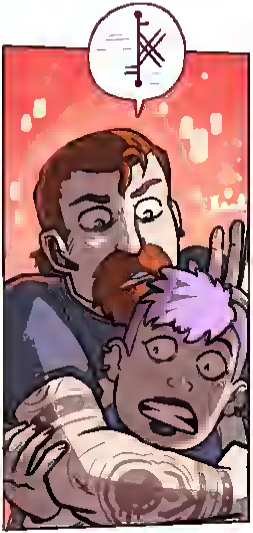
Uh... Probably!



But only one person at a time! And only once it's been activated!

There's just no knowing whose hair she's gotten until she uses it!

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Man down on sublevel B!
Enthralled agent is armed! Pursuing!

He's heading toward the containment ward!
Oh God...

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THIS DOOR